IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD
(*Special Original Jurisdiction*)

FRIDAY , THE TWENTY SECOND DAY OF DECEMBER
TWO THOUSAND AND SIX

P R E S E N T

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE N.V. RAMANA

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WP.No.26314 of 2006

Between:

M.V.Reddy, s/o. late Raji Reddy,
aged about 52 years, Occ. Driver,
E-No.252470, r/o. 4-24, Buddhanagar,
Opposite Uppal Depot, Hyderabad. … Petitioner

Versus

The Managing Director,
APSRTC, Musheerabad,
Hyderabad & Ors. … Respondents

Counsel for the Petitioner: Sri V.Narsimha Goud

Counsel for the Respondents: Sri VTM. Prasad
Standing Counsel for the Respondents.

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE N.V. RAMANA

W.P. No. 26314 of 2006

Oral order:

The writ petition is filed questioning proceedings No. 01/2(21)/02-UPL dated 7-3-2005 passed by the Depot Manager, Uppal, imposing penalty of Rs.1000/- towards cost of damages caused to the bus bearing No.AP.10-Z-3276, and directing recovery of the same in five equal monthly instalments of Rs. 200/- from the salary bill of the petitioner, and further deferring increment for a period of one year, which shall have the effect on future increments, as confirmed by the Divisional Manager, Hyderabad Division, vide his proceedings in APSRTC No. Steno/19(25)/05-DVM, dated 17-8-2005, as illegal and arbitrary, and consequently to set aside the same.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Standing Counsel for the respondents-APSRTC.

It is submitted by the learned Standing Counsel for the respondents-APSRTC and admitted to by the learned counsel for the petitioner that as against the impugned proceedings, passed by the Divisional Manager, confirming the orders of the Depot Manager, the petitioner has an efficacious alternative remedy of review, but the petitioner without availing the said remedy has filed the present writ petition. Since the petitioner has an efficacious alternative remedy of review, the learned counsel for the petitioner seeks that he be permitted to file review petition. In the circumstances, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition with the following directions:

The petitioner is at liberty to file review petition against the proceedings assailed in this writ petition within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, and if any such review petition is filed, the Regional Manager, Hyderabad City Region, shall entertain, consider the same and pass appropriate orders thereon, within a period of eight weeks from the date of filing of the review petition.

Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of at the admission stage. No costs.

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N.V. RAMANA, J.

Date: 22nd December, 2006.
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